

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

In Re the General Adjudication)
of the Rights to the Use of Water)
from the Snake River Basin)
Water System)
_____)

Case No. 36-07460B -0001

The State of Idaho, ex rel.)
R. Keith Higginson in his)
official capacity as Director)
of the Idaho Department of)
Water Resources,)

RESPONSE TO OBJECTION

Petitioner,)

vs.)

36-07460B -0001/
93-08-0371

The United States; the State)
of Idaho; and all Claimants to)
the use of water from the Snake)
River Basin Water System,)

Respondents.)
_____)

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Person responding to objection:

Name: R. KEITH HIGGINSON, DIRECTOR

Address: IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
P.O. BOX 44449
BOISE, ID 83711-4449

Briefly describe your interest in this water right:

IDWR is required to file a response to an objection to part
I of the director's report pursuant to I.C. section 42-1412(2).

(Over)

2. Person who filed objection:

Name: MICHAEL & KATHERINE BRANCHFLOWER
Address: PO BOX 392
WENDELL ID 83355

3. If this response is filed by an attorney:

Attorney Name(s): NICHOLAS B. SPENCER

Attorney Address: DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL(S)
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
P.O. BOX 44449
BOISE, ID 83711-4449

Attorney Phone No.: (208) 327-7900

II. STATEMENT OF THE RESPONSE

8. ☒ Period of Year: I respond to the objection concerning the period of year when water is used or is necessary for the purpose stated.
11. ☒ Remarks: I respond to the objection concerning the "remarks" listed with the water right.
14. ☒ Other: I respond to the objection concerning:
GENERAL PROVISION 4

REASONS SUPPORTING EACH BOX CHECKED

In response to Statement of the Objection item 8, and all allegations of the objection regarding this item, IDWR responds as follows: Idaho Code Sec. 42-1411(2)(g) requires the director to determine the period of use of each water right acquired under state law that is recommended in the director's report. IDWR's irrigation season of use standards have evolved over time as better technical information has become available. A necessary consequence of this is that, depending on when a particular license was issued, water rights in the same area have been licensed inconsistently, some licenses being issued with

different lengths of season listed and some being issued with no season of use listed. To remedy this problem IDWR has developed irrigation season of use standards for various climatic areas throughout the state based on a 75% chance of a 24 degree fahrenheit frost. The period of the year during which this water right may be used is consistent with the standard irrigation season of use for the area in which the place of use of this water right is located. The director's report does not prohibit pre-season or post-season irrigation; subject to the conditions set forth in general provision 12b of the director's report, water may be used for irrigation outside the standard season of use.

In response to Statement of the Objection item 11, and all allegations of the objection regarding this item, IDWR responds as follows: IDWR is informed and therefore believes that North Side Canal Company water shares are appurtenant to the land upon which this water right is used, that the North Side water represented by those shares is available for use thereon, and, irrespective of whether the claimant presently is using the North Side water, that the claimant may demand delivery of water pursuant to the shares at any time. Because of this, the remark objected to is appropriate to indicate the existence of another water right that may be available for all or part of the use made pursuant to this right, and that may be used in combination with this right.

In response to Statement of the Objection 14, and all allegations of the objection regarding this item, IDWR responds as follows: It denies this portion of the objection.

CHANGES TO THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The director proposes no changes to the description of this claim in the Director's Report.

☐ Check here if you are submitting documents. Please list each document by the title and number of pages. You may use additional pages if necessary:

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No. of
Pages

The notice of claim is attached to IDWR's response to
Objection No. 36-07460A-0001.

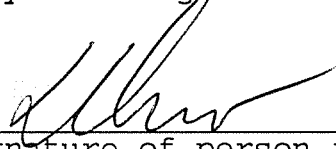
VERIFICATION (Must be Completed)

State of IDAHO

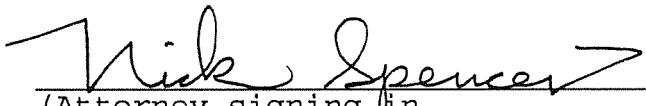
County of ADA

David B. Shaw, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

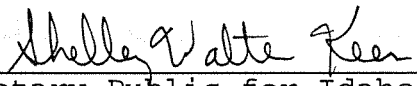
That R. Keith Higginson, in his official capacity as director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, is a party to this proceeding, as defined by I.C. 42-1401A(1) and (7); that I am the Adjudication Bureau Chief for IDWR and am authorized by R. Keith Higginson, in his official capacity as director of IDWR, to verify this response; and that I have read the foregoing response, know its contents and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

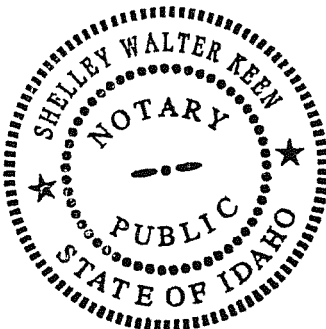

Signature of person filing response

By:


(Attorney signing in
representative capacity)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of September,
1993.


Notary Public for Idaho
Residing at: Boise, Idaho
My Commission expires: July 31, 1997



(Over)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on the 10th day of SEPTEMBER, 1993, I mailed the original and copies of the foregoing response, including all attachments, to the following persons, by mailing the original and/or true and correct copies, postage prepared and addressed as follows:

1. Original to:

Clerk of the District Court
Snake River Basin Adjudication
253 Third Avenue North
P.O. Box 2707
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-2707

2. One copy to the owner of the water right, and you must fill in the following information:

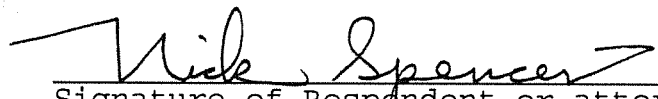
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3. One copy to the party who filed the objection, or if represented by an attorney, to their attorney; and you must fill in the following information:

Name: KEVIN F TRAINOR
Address: STEPHAN KVANVIG GREENWOOD
STONE & TRAINOR
PO BOX 83
TWIN FALLS ID 83303-0083

4. One copy to:

United States Department of Justice
Environment and Natural Resource Division
550 West Fort Street, Box 33
Boise, Idaho 83734



Signature of Respondent or attorney
mailing on Respondent's behalf